

HOUSE BILL 1986
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AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Section
68-11-1607, relative to certificates of need.

WHEREAS, a program for all-inclusive care for the elderly (PACE) provides prepaid, comprehensive health-related services to PACE participants to enable older adults to remain in the community and receive quality care; and

WHEREAS, a PACE program operates under a contract with the bureau of TennCare to provide all health-related services that would have been available to PACE participants through the Medicare and Medicaid programs; and

WHEREAS, a PACE program operates through a capitated financing arrangement funded by Medicaid/TennCare and Medicare; and

WHEREAS, a PACE program provides the State of Tennessee and the TennCare program a savings while maintaining a very high client satisfaction; and

WHEREAS, a PACE program provides for the continuum of care needed by its participants in a cost-effective manner while maintaining the highest quality and level of care; now, therefore,

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 68-11-1607, is amended by inserting the following language as a new subsection:

(n) Nothing in this part shall require a certificate of need for nursing home services provided by a PACE program pursuant to a contract with the bureau of TennCare.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.